

**Public Notice**  
**Review of Colorado River Water Quality Standards**  
**July 25, 2008**

In 1975, the seven Colorado River Basin States adopted water quality standards with respect to salinity for the entire Colorado River Basin in the United States. This was required under the then newly enacted Clean Water Act. Every three years the states, through their organization, the Colorado River Basin Salinity Control Forum (Forum), have reviewed these standards. This is also in compliance with the Clean Water Act.

The Forum has now approved a draft report of the 2008 Review, Water Quality Standards for Salinity, Colorado River System. The Forum and each of the states are now receiving comments on this Review. The draft review can be viewed and downloaded on two websites: [www.crb.ca.gov](http://www.crb.ca.gov) or [www.ColoradoRiverSalinity.org](http://www.ColoradoRiverSalinity.org). Comments must be sent to the Colorado River Board of California (Board) by fax, e-mail, or regular mail by August 29, 2008. If you have questions concerning this effort or you want to receive a hard copy of the report, please contact Gerald R. Zimmerman, Executive Director of the Board.

In general, the findings of the Review are that salinity concentrations in the Colorado River are below the numeric criteria, there is little chance of concentrations in the near term going above the numeric criteria and there is no need to change the numeric criteria. The Review also finds that the salinity load in the river has been reduced by 1,080,100 tons a year and with the proposed plan of implementation the salinity load would be reduced annually by 1,864,600 tons by the year 2030. With the plan of implementation in place, the probability of exceeding the numeric criteria below Hoover Dam, below Parker Dam, or at Imperial Dam in 2030 is 3% or less. Damages due to the use of Colorado River water in the Lower Basin remain high. The Review states that the Forum and the states intend to continue their support of an aggressive salinity control program.

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